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YUGOSLAV MINORITIES ACTIVE IN GOVERNMENT

At present, 135,000 persons in the Macedonian Republic constitute the Turkish national minority. Members of this minority participate in local governments. Organizations of the People's Front claim 56,171 members of Turkish extraction: in urban areas there are 16,979 members (9,365 men and 7,614 women); in the rural districts there are 39,192 members (23,205 men and 15,987 women). A total of 1,319 persons of Turkish extraction were elected to committees of the People's Front organizations. In addition to that number, 20 Turks were elected to the plenum of the General Committees of the People's Front of the Macedonian Republic.

Macedonia has 107 Turkish schools taught by 208 teachers. Of the 13,737 Turkish children for whom schooling is obligatory, 13,654 children attended school in 1949.

The Italian minority in Istria and Rijeka are participating in the building of socialism and are represented in the People's Skupstina (Parliament) of Yugoslavia as well as at the Sabor (Assembly) of the Croatian Republic.

In the autonomous territory of Vojvodina in the Serbian Republic, 698 grammar-school classes are taught in Hungarian and are attended by 30,644 children. The Vojvodina also has four secondary schools, two teachers' colleges, intermediate industrial, construction, and agricultural schools, 76 libraries, and four People's universities. Of the 2,522 illiterate Hungarians, 2,375 are learning to read and write.

After the agrarian reform in postwar Yugoslavia, 10,578 Hungarian families obtained agricultural land. Thus far, 9,000 Hungarian families, consisting of 29,000 persons, have joined cooperatives. The Hungarian minority participates in the People's Assembly of Yugoslavia. The Vojvodina alone has 50 deputies of Hungarian extraction. The plenums and executive committees of the local people's councils claim 1,788 members of Hungarian extraction. Members of the Hungarian minority are also participating in the local governments in the SRM.

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